Sub-districts and district level in urban areas Post Partum centres are established through government and through voluntary organisations to provide maternal and child health care. The total number established so far is 1562. Government also establish hospitals in urban areas to cater to the needs of people.

(b) and (c). The ICMR had conducted a study through Human Reproduction Research Centres on quality of Family Welfare services at PHC level (1991) covering 398 PHCs. In that study it was inter-alia observed that the positioning of manpower in most states corresponded to the sanctioned posts but there has a need to increase the staff strength to meet health delivery norms. The State Governments have been advised on several occasions to fill vacant posts and see that deficiencies in the rural health services are not allowed to persist.

(d) and (e). A review of the progress in achievement of goals set out in the National Health Policy, 1983, indicates that only some of the goals are likely to be achieved in full by 2000 A.D. The targets likely to be achieved relate to infant Mortality Rate, Crude Death Rate, Life Expectancy at Birth, Immunisation goals for pregnant women and for infants and elimination of Leprosy. In the case of diseases like Tuberculosis and Blindness Control and other indicators more time would be needed to achieve the goal fully.

STATEMENT

Statement showing position of Health Institutions in Rural Areas

Health Institutions	Population norms		8th Plan targets	Established upto 31.12.1995
	in Plains	in hills		
Sub-Centres	5000	3000	17030	132285
PHCs	30000	20000	4450	21802
CHSs	80000 to 1.2 lakh		1269	2401

PHCs - Primary Health Centres

CHSs - Community Health Centres

[English]

Erosion of Rivers in North-East

3785. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the specific steps taken by the Government to check soil erosion by rivers in North-East?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): The Brahmaputra Board established by the Union Government in December 1981, in the Master Plans prepared by them for flood management in the North Eastern region, has identified several sites viz: Majuli, Tezpur, Sonarighat, Mukalmua, Gumi, Palasbari, Goalpara, Mariahola, Hathala on Brahmaputra and Tarapur Shibbari on Barak as major erosion prone areas. The Master Plans have been sent to the North Eastern States for implementation of individual anti-erosion schemes to protect these areas.

Common School Programme

3786. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal for a 'common school programme' to make education system better and to impart common education to all throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Maintenance of broad commonality of standards in all the schools of the country has been sought to be achieved by the following ways:—

(i) Making available to all the schools, a broadly uniform pattern of syllabi/textbooks designed on the basis of National Curricular Framework for elementary and secondary education brought out by the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT).

(ii) Requiring all the schools sending their students for Board Examinations to be affiliated to the concerned State Board, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) or the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, as the case may be.

(iii) Improving the physical facilities and other educational inputs in schools through a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Programmes.

By Pass on N.H.31

3787. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1361 on July 22, 1996 and state:

(a) the year in which the said work was actually started;

(b) the year-wise funds allocated and actually utilised for the work;

(c) the target date fixed for completion of the work as per plan;

(d) whether it is a fact that not even fifty percent of the work has been done during last nine years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The work actually started in the year 1991.

(b) The funds are allocated state-wise and year-wise and not work-wise. The year-wise funds allocated to West Bengal Government for development of NHs (Original) works including Externally Aided Projects and Bridge Fee fund are as under:—

Year	Allocation of fund (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	1634.00
1992-93	2230.00
1993-94	3500.00
1994-95	3987.00
1995-96	3810.00
1996-97	

The year-wise actual expenditure incurred on works of Falkata-Pundibari diversion including Torsa bridge is as under:—

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	145.00
1992-93	199.00
1993-94	128.00
1994-95	203.00
1995-96	557.00
1996-97 (up to June, 1996)	144.00

(c) to (e). The target date of completion is March, 1998. The delay in Progress of work is due to contractual complications and delay in award of the work, slow progress/ mobilisation by the Contractor, and constraints of fund.

Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

3788. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of irrigation projects in Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra have run into serious trouble due to cost escalation and time over-run;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof-project wise, including original cost approved, schedule of works, execution and provision of funds vis-a-vis actual performance, inadequate release of funds resulting in delay in execution of the project and consequent cost escalation;

(c) whether the performance of irrigation projects under execution has been reviewed, if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the details of the revised action plan/funding plan worked out for each project in Vidharbha region for scheduled completion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). A statement giving details of Major & Medium irrigation Projects of Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra which have run into trouble is enclosed.

(c) The Projects are reviewed every year during Annual Plan discussion by Central Water Commission, Planning Commission and State authorities and allocation of funds is decided for each project.

(d) Irrigation is a State subject and the projects are planned, implemented and funded by the States themselves. The Central assistance is in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any project or programme.